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From Wye's Letter, London, April 3.

WE have Advice from Jamaica, that the Catharine, Capt. Collet of that Iſland, is taken off the Bay of Henda by 2 Spaniſh Men of War of 70 and 50 Guns, and carried to the Havannah. The ſaid Men of War took alſo ſix other Ships from Jamaica, one of them a very rich Ship bound for New-York, commanded by Capt. Twaits, two bound for Briſtol, one for Lancaſter, the Experiment Maſt Ship, and another for London.

We are informed from Cape Breton, that Admiral Warren, with another Perſon of Note at Louisbourg, have contributed near 2000 Pieces of Eight to the neceſſitous Widows and Children of thoſe brave Men who were loſt in the Providence Snow, Prince of Orange, Capt. Smithurſt, in the Expedition againſt Cape Breton.

The William & Anne, Capt. Strahan, from London for Maryland, was taken in the Banks of Newfoundland, and ranſomed for 2000 Guineas.

Weymouth, March 30. Yeſterday was chaſed into our Harbour the Rocheſter Cutter, by two French Privateers, a Snow and a Dogger; the Dogger is now in the Weſt Bay.

'Tis reported that a very great Body of the Rebels have much advanced towards Glaſgow, and, as pretended, got by the Duke's Army, and that their Deſign is for Yorkſhire: But to the Truth of which little Credit is given, tho' the Stocks continue to fall, and Complaints of Deadneſs of Trade, &c. increaſe.

On the 26th inſt. the Transfer Books of Old South-Sea Annuities will be opened, and the Dividend Warrants of 2 per Cent. for the half Year's Intereſt at Ladyday will be paid the 9th of May.

It is reported that ſome Alterations in the Miniſtry will take place, viz. the Right Hon. the Earl of Granville will be appointed Secretary of State, in the Room of the Earl of Harrington, who 'tis ſaid, will be appointed General of the Marines. 'Tis alſo ſaid, that Sir Dudley Ryder will be appointed Lord Keeper of the Seals, and that the Lord Juſtice Wills will be appointed Speaker of the Houſe of Lords, in the Room of the preſent Lord Chancellor.

This Day it was reported, but we hope without Foundation, that Fort-William was taken by the Rebels.

There is a Subſcription carried on at Aberdeen, and they have already raiſed about 200 or 250 Men, to be employed in defending that Town.

From the London Evening Poſt, April 3.

Hambourg, April 1. We have certain Intelligence from the Principality of Magdebourg, that the Pruſſian Troops quarter'd there have Orders to hold themſelves ready to march at the firſt Warning; and we have likewiſe Advice from Berlin, that Count Podewills, Prime Miniſter to his Pruſſian Majeſty, had declared to all the Foreign Miniſters reſident there, by Order of his Maſter, That the ſole Reaſon of the great Armaments made through the Dominions of Pruſſia, was that unfortunate Diſunion and Miſunderſtanding which reign at preſent amongſt the principal Powers of Europe in general, and of Germany in particular; that as it was impoſſible to foreſee what Conſequences theſe may have, to be provided againſt any unexpected Attack, and to be in a Condition to aſſiſt any diſtreſs'd Ally, were the Motives of this Conduct, which ought not therefore to cauſe any Suſpicions, or create any Apprehenſions in his Neighbours. It does not however appear that this Declaration has had any great Effect, or that the Foreign Miniſters think themſelves much enlighten'd by it.

LONDON, *April* 3.

We learn by private Letters from the Hague, that Meſſ. Van dem Bemden, an Van de Poll, Burgomaſters of Amſterdam, lately arrived there: The Object of this ſecond Deputation, within leſs than a Month after the firſt, is very myſterious; but as the former was attributed to the Change of the Miniſtry in England, ſo ſome People there imagine this was occaſion'd by the rapid Progreſs of the Arms of his Sardinian Majeſty.

We hear that a very good-natur'd Man, who is *in* or *out* juſt as they would have him, and when *in* ſerves in *any Capacity*, will this Week make Way again for the *Reſtoration* of an *old Servant*, who promiſes *new Behaviour*.

A *categorical* Anſwer is within a few Days expected from a People who have long treated us *hypothetically*.

Laſt Tueſday Morning her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Caroline ſet out with a numerous Retinue, being eſcorted by a Party of Horſe-Guards, for Bath: Her Royal Highneſs was to ly the firſt Night at Reading, laſt Night at Marlborough, and to reach Bath this Day.

The Swan Man of War of 20 Guns, lately launch'd at Cheſter, is order'd to ſail from thence for the Coaſt of Scotland, to cruize off the Iſles of Mull and Sky.

The Tranſports, with the following Regiments on board, are at Graveſend, waiting for a fair Wind to ſail for Scotland, to join the Prince of Heſſe, viz. Skelton's, Mordaunt's, Royal Iriſh, Richbell's, and Haughton's, which make upwards of 4000 Men.

Twelve Pieces of Cannon, 12 Pounders, are order'd to Carliſle, to put that Caſtle and City in a Poſture of Defence; and ſeveral Engineers are gone down there for that Purpoſe.

The Government has erected a Battery of eight Guns, of 18 Pounders, at Aldborough in Suffolk, for the Secu-

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rity of that Coaſt; and Yeſterday the Guns were ſent from the Tower for that Purpoſe.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, April 3.

Cremona, March 11. O. S. 'Tis reported, that laſt Night paſſed through this City an Officer which Prince Lichtenſtein was ſending to Vienna, with the agreeable News, that there had been in the Aſteſan an Action, to the great Diſadvantage of the Enemy. The Circumſtances which 'tis aſſur'd that Officer related whilſt he was changing Horſes, are, that the Imperial and Piedmonteſe Troops had attacked, between Aſti and Caſal, a conſiderable Body of the Enemy, whereof they killed, wounded and took Priſoners more than 4000, and that 4000 others were obliged to lay down their Arms. That two General Officers were likewiſe taken Priſoners, who were to be immediately ſent to Mantua.

Paris, March 21. O. S. Count Saxe is preparing to return to Bruſſels, in order to make the neceſſary Preparations for the King's Reception. His Majeſty's Departure is fixed for the 9th of April. 'Tis confirmed that the Army in Flanders will conſiſt of 120,000 Men, beſides the light Troops, and will be commanded by Marſhal Saxe, under the Orders of the King. There will be beſides two Armies upon the Frontiers of Germany, one upon the Rhine, under the Command of the Prince of Conti, and the other upon the Moſelle, commanded by Marſhal Belleiſle. Theſe two Bodies will make above 100,000 Men.

An Extract of a Letter from Verſailles, dated March 22.

Count Waſſenaer had on the 15th Inſtant a very long Conference with the Marquis d'Argenſon, who declared to that Embaſſador, that he was ſurpriſed that his Maſters ſhould ſo long defer ſending him poſitive Orders, and not ſooner determine upon giving the Anſwer which had been demanded of them. Whereupon M. Waſſenaer alledged the Conſtitution of the Republick, which did not permit that Affairs ſhould be ſo quickly determined, eſpecially in a Caſe of ſuch great Importance as this in Agitation. To which the French Miniſter ſaid, 'Sir, Time preſſes; we are ſenſible that your Republick 'wants to ſpin Matters out to great Length, and whilſt 'the States General are, as they imagine, amuſing us 'with Propoſals of a general Peace, they are every where 'negotiating Troops, and making all the Preparations 'they poſſibly can, in order to continue the War againſt 'us with the utmoſt Vigour: But you may aſſure yourſelf, and may write to your Maſters, that we ſhall neither be the Dupes of your Delay, nor of the ſeeming Deſire they may have of an Accommodation with France'.

How ill ſoever the Situation of the French Affairs may be in Italy, it is pretended that there is ſtill a Remedy. Orders indeed have been ſent to almoſt all the Troops which are in Provence and Dauphine to repair with the utmoſt Expedition to the Army of Marſhal Maillebois, but whether they will arrive in time is a Queſtion, and thoſe are to be replaced by well exerciſed Militia. We can get little or no Information of the Contents of the Letters from the Intendant of Breſt; nothing is ſaid about them; and thoſe from private People at this Port have no News at all in them, which makes every Body think that the Squadron is not yet departed, for if it was, we ſhould certainly have known both Ways. Various are the Opinions of the Expedition upon which this Fleet is going.

LONDON, *April 3.*

They write from Milan, that the Auſtrian Generals have lately publiſhed a Proclamation, in the Name of the Empreſs Queen, requiring all ſuch as have heretofore ſworn Allegiance to her Majeſty, to return to their Duty, under Pain of being treated as Rebels and Traitors, and expoſed to all the Severities of military Execution.

We learn from Amſterdam, that they have received Advice there of a moſt dreadful Fire that broke out lately in the French Eaſt-India Company's Magazines at Port l'Orient, by which all their Naval Stores and ſome rich Goods were deſtroyed; the Loſs amounting in the whole to upwards of two Millions of Livres.

The Spaniards in Italy are ſo much irritated againſt M. Maillebois and his whole Nation, that they refuſed to admit three French Battalions into Tortona, which was the true Reaſon that M. Maillebois thought fit to retire to Novi, in order to wait there for the Succours he expects from France.

The Spaniſh Miniſters at the Court of Verſailles, charge M. Maillebois with all the Misfortunes that have happened to the Allies in Italy, and not only inſiſt on his being recalled from thence, but upon his being called to an Account for his bad Behaviour, while he had that Command.

We have Advice from New-York, that the French and Indians had fallen on the Frontiers of that Government, and deſtroyed a Village called Soratogo, containing thirty Families.

The Hon. the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe has appointed Mr. Draper to be Surveyor General of the Glaſs Duty in England.

The Captain of the York Privateer at Dover aſſures, that he was within Gun-ſhot of Boulogn laſt Week, and that there was actually in that Harbour 60 Sail of Veſſels, none very ſmall, and that 22 of them were large Galliot Hoys rigged ready for Sea. He likewiſe ſays, that he ſpoke with a Dutchman from Oſtend, who told him, that there was ten large Privateers which would be ready to put to Sea in a Day or two from that Port.

His Majeſty's Ship the Lenox and Worceſter, with the Tranſport Ships from the Leeward Iſlands, are arrived at Jamaica.——The Fleet from England will ſaill ſometime in May.

We have Advice, that a Spaniſh Privateer is taken on the Coaſt of Carolina, by a Schooner of that Province; they exchanged ſeveral Broadſides before ſhe ſtruck.

The Catharine belonging to Jamaica, is taken by a Spaniſh Man of War and carried into the Havana: The ſaid Man of War has alſo taken ſeveral other Veſſels, trading in the American Colonies, &c.

Capt. Arthur, of Jamaica, bound from Madeira for Antigua, is taken and carried into Guardeloup.

Capt. Philip Tomlinſon, from Virginia, who was lately taken by the French, died of a Fever on board his Ship, before ſhe was carried in.

The Sloop commanded by Capt. Parrot, for St. Kitt's, is taken and carried into Martinico.

Capt. Hall in a Sloop from Jamaica, with another,

Name not known, are taken and carried into the ſame Place.

The Hopewell, Judd, from Virginia for Cork, is taken and carried into St. Sebaſtian's.

The Chicheſter, Lusk, from London for Belfaſt, is taken and carried into Havre-de-grace.

The Two Siſters, Abercrombie, from Maryland for London, is taken and carried into Bayonne.

The Alexander, Higgins, from Maryland for London, is taken and carried into Breſt.

Letter from Portſmouth, March 29.

Yeſterday came to Spithead from a Cruize his Majeſty's Sloop, Weazle, Capt. Kerley, with a French Privateer called the Revenge, of 8 Carriage Guns and 110 Men, which ſhe took the 29th near Alderney.

Extract of a Letter from Plymouth, March 31.

Commodore Knowles in the Norwich, with the Canterbury and Ruby, and the Ships bound to the Eaſt and Weſt Indies, are juſt now under Sail. The Edinburgh and Ships for Portugal ſail to Morrow at Day-break.

Newcaſtle, March 29. On Thurſday laſt about 26000 l. collected in Yorkſhire, was ſent hence for Scotland, for the Uſe of the Duke of Cumberland's Army, eſcorted by a Party of St. George's Dragoons.

The HISTORY of EUROPE,
From the WESTMINSTER JOURNAL.

We are at laſt told from Petersburg by ſeveral Channels, that the Empreſs of Ruſſia poſitively declared to M. de Dieu before his Departure, by the Mouth of her Chancellor Beſtuchef, that ſhe had 30,000 Men ready, as ſoon as the Froſt ſhould break, to put on board for the Service of the Maritime Powers, and be conducted whither thoſe Powers ſhall think proper.—— But may not ſtill two Queſtions remain with regard to this Piece of News. 1. What Number of Ships are wanted for the Tranſportation of 30,000 Men, and where will they be found? 2. Are the Subſidies, which it ſeems are to be a Condition of this Succour, yet ſettled, and what are they?

Though the Ruſſian Court declares it is ready to adjuſt Affairs on any reaſonable Terms, there is a Jealouſy ſtill expreſs'd at Copenhagen on Account of the Armaments in Livonia. The Danes ſeem to have got ſome new Articles in favour of their Trade by the Subſidy Treaty with France, which puts them all in Action, and occaſions their fitting out Men of War to protect their Navigation in the Mediterranean.

Upon the Application of the French Miniſters, and their Promiſe that the Bridge of Huningen ſhall be broken down, and the Works that cover it demoliſhed, two of the Circles, thoſe of Suabia and Bavaria, have reſolved upon an abſolute Neutrality; the Elector Palatine will do nothing farther, and it ſeems in general that little is to be expected from an Army of the Empire, after all the Buſtle about the triple Contingents.

Moſt of the Reinforcements from Germany are arrived in the Neighbourhood of Mechlin, and General Grune is actually at the Quarters of Prince Waldeck. Count Bathiani, after having warmly remonſtrated with the States General, upon the Neceſſity of acting with Vigour, is ſetting out well ſatisfied for the Army. On the other Side, Marſhal Saxe is ſoon expected with the French, and will be followed by the King in Perſon.

The French talk of two Armies, which are to make together 120,000 Men, one of which is to keep the Allies at Bay, while the other beſieges Mons, Namur, or ſome other Place of Strength. Whether they will be able to bring together ſo many, a few Weeks will ſatisfy us.

There is a Report, that the Piedmonteſe, with a Part Lichtenſtein's Auſtrians, have almoſt cut to Pieces or taken Priſoners the Remainder of Marſhal Mallebois's Army: But this News at preſent wants Confirmation. However, the beſt State that Marſhal is in, can amount to no more than this, that he is retired into the State of Genoa, with ſcarce half his Army: And what is harder upon him, if true, he is ſuſpected and complain'd of by the Spaniards, who refuſed to admit three of his Battalions into Tortona.

Some Accounts will indeed have it, that a Communication is kept open between him and the Count de Gages. But this Report may want Confirmation equally with the former.

LONDON, *April* 3.

Laſt Tueſday ſeveral Companies of the Second Regiment of Foot-Guards were reviewed by their Officers on the Parade in St. James's Park, with their Knapſacks, &c in order to be ready to march on the firſt Notice.

Laſt Saturday Morning general Skelton ſet out for Scotland.

EDINBURGH, *April* 8.

By a Letter from Newcaſtle there is Advice, that two French Men of War had been ſeen cruizing off Holy-iſland, and that Orders were iſſued to go in queſt of them.

From Perth, that on Thurſday laſt a Body of Hamilton and Naizon's Dragoons entred that Town, and remain there.

On Friday Afternoon arrived here from Aberdeen William Thornton, Eſq; and the Rev. Mr. Patrick Simſon Miniſter of Fala.

Yeſterday came into this City betwixt 40 and 50 Horſes belonging to Hamilton and Naizon's Regiments, ſent back, by Orders from the Earl of Crawford, as diſeaſed and unfit for Service.

That Day Colonel Naizon, (who arrived here lately) ſet out to join the Army in the Weſt.

There are no Accounts from the Army at Aberdeen ſince our laſt.

From the GLASGOW JOURNAL April 7.

Extract of a Letter from Fort-William, March 25.

We have been cloſely beſieged by the Rebels ſince laſt Thurſday, in which time they have thrown 300 Coehorn Shells, and an immenſe Quantity of 4 and 6 Pounder Shot. They are hot at it this Moment; but, thank God, we have not loſt one Man, and have but 7 wounded. They play their Coehorns from the Hollow above the Gardens in the Governor's Park; and, in one Night, fired on us 194 Shells; many of us narowly eſcaped. They have this Day raiſed a Battery above the Governor's upper Garden, where our Guns can reach them. The firſt Battery they opened, and from which they are now firing, is on the Top of the little round Hill

above Huberon's Hole, which is at a great Diſtance, and we can do them little Harm, unleſs with our Bombs, which hitherto we have thrown (as we think) with Succeſs. From their new Battery they propoſe to make a Breach in our Walls; but I hope their Metal is not ſo heavy, being only, as we are told, 12 Pieces of Cannon, and 2 Field-pieces, the largeſt of which are two 9 Pounders. Lochiel is in our Neighbourhood with the Camerons, Macdonalds, and ſome Macleans. By ſome of the French, who are chiefly employed in the Siege, they ſent us a Summons to ſurrender; but they might have ſaved themſelves the Trouble. We are 600 in Garriſon, all in good Spirit. The Town of Maryburgh, and Garden Walls, are all levelled with the Ground.

Thurſday 27th, 12 o'Clock, They began this Morning at five, to fire with four 6 Pounders from their new Battery. We ſilenced one of them, deſtroyed a Part of the Battery, with what Powder they had there. ——We have received no Hurt this Day.

G. D.

On Friday laſt Mr. William Croſs Advocate was received by the Maſters of the Univerſity, as Profeſſor of Laws, in conſequence of his Majeſty's Preſentation.

By Letters from Caſtle-Menzies of the 29th March, There's a large Body of the Argyleſhire Militia ſtill there.

We are informed that Allan Maclean of Brolus, Eſq; With a Company of his Clan has joined General Campbell at Inverary; which Place we hear the General has put in a good Poſture of Defence, having ordered 12 Pieces of Cannon thither from Greenock. His Excellency has likewiſe ſent in a freſh Supply of Proviſions and Stores to Fort-William in two Iriſh Wherries kept for that Purpoſe.

One Maclachlan, an Officer in the Rebel Army, who was lately committed Priſoner to the Caſtle of Dumbarton, has made his Eſcape, by fixing his Plaid to one of the Cannon, and ſo getting over the Wall in the Nighttime.

P. S. An Expreſs arrived laſt Night from Fort-William, with an Account, that the Garriſon ſallied out on Wedneſday laſt, and repulſed the Rebels, took ſix Piece of Cannon, two Mortars, and two Engineers.

Leith, April 8. Arrived the Two Brothers, Yatton, and the Speedwell, Warren, of and from Sheills, with Barley and Wheat; the James of Dundee, Knight, from Montroſe with Linnen Cloth and Snuff; the John and Anne of and from ditto, Burrel, with Bear; the John and Mary of Solchurch from Ailmouth with Oats; the Batchelor of Hartlepool, Brown, from Dunbar with Bear; the Iſabel of Queensferry, Burns, from Northberwick with Wheat; the Blackſmith of Airth, Barrſman, from Dunbar with Wheat; the James of Kincardine, Hodge, from Northberwick with Bear; the Jean's Adventure of and from Lynn, Venſon, with Barley; the Vernon of Blyth, Sharp, from Eymouth with Wheat; and the William and Anne of and from ditto with Oats.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Juſt arrived at the Port of Leith from Philadelphia directly,

A Cargo of FLAX-SEED of the Crop 1745, to be ſold by *NEIL MACVICAR* Merchant in Edinburgh.—Samples of the Seed may be ſeen at his Shop in the Lawnmarket, and at the Weigh-houſe in Leith.

¶ The General Meeting of the Adventurers in the BANK of *SCOTLAND* did upon the 27th March laſt order a Dividend of Profits of Two and a half per Cent. on the Company's capital Stock, which is Five per Cent. on the Stock paid in; the Payment whereof begins on Monday the 7th April inſtant.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
JAMES SPENCE *Secretary.*

To be expoſed to Sale by publick Roup, within the Houſe of William Cairns Forreſter at Pancaitland Wood, upon Tueſday the 15th Day of April inſt. at 10 o'Clock in the Forenoon,

A large Parcel of WOOD, conſiſting moſtly of Oak, with ſome Aſh, Birch, &c. being Part of Sir Robert Sinclair of Stevenſton his Wood at Pancaitland, lying in the Pariſh of Pancaitland, in the County of Haddington.—Any Perſon that inclines to view the ſame, may call for the ſaid William Cairns, in whoſe Hands, and in the Hands of Patrick Watſon Servant to the ſaid Sir Robert Sinclair at Stevenſton, the Articles of Roup are to be ſeen.

To be SOLD or SETT,

The LANDS and TEINDS of *GOODCLARET*, formerly Part of the Eſtate of *Reidoch*, lying in the Kerſe of Falkirk, Pariſh of Polmond and Shire of Stirling, holding of the Crown Blanch, poſſeſſed by one Tenant, who pays yearly 100 l. Sterling, and the whole publick Burdens. The Progreſs of Writs are in the Hands of John Dickie Writer to the Signet: And any Perſon who has a Mind to purchaſe the Premiſſes, may commune with him or Robert Biggar Merchant in Edinburgh the Proprietor, and if they are for a Tack, with the ſaid Robert Biggar or Thomas Heughs Merchant in Falkirk. The Entry being at Martinmas next.

N.B. The Farm-houſe and Out-houſes are in good repair, being lately rebuilt with Stone and Lime.

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